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SHEET FOLDING AND BINDING APPARATUS AND METHOD

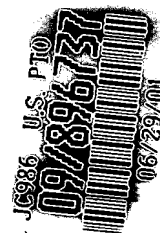
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APPLICATION ELEMENTS ENCLOSED:

1. X Specification (total pages 65) including:
 - a. 28 pages of claims (53 claims)
 - b. 1 page Abstract
2. X 14 sheets of informal X formal drawings (Figs. 1-15)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
5. Incorporation By Reference
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6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

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10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449
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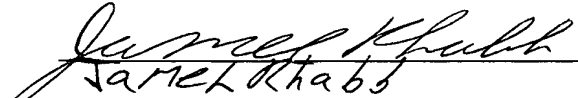
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